

**Mansfield Board of Education  
October 9, 2014  
Minutes**

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| <b>Attendees:</b> | Randy Walikonis, Chair, Jay Rueckl, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Susannah Everett, John Fratiello, Sarah Lacombe, Katherine Paulhus, Kathy Ward |
| <b>Excused:</b>   | Carrie Silver-Bernstein   |

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mr. Walikonis.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Goodwin School showed video of great things happening at their school. Students reviewed what they learned and liked about the egg drop and rocket blast.

Ms. Silver-Bernstein arrived at 7:41pm.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:** Ric Hossack spoke regarding the superintendent.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Letter from Janette Smith, President Mansfield Instructional Assistants Chapter.

**ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA:** Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to add letter from Janette Smith to New Business. Vote: Unanimous in favor

**GOODWIN PTO:** Kristen Hempel, President, reported on activities the group participates in to support programs at Goodwin School.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Policy Committee: 2014-2015 Policy Updates: Motion by Mr. Rueckl on behalf of the Policy Committee to approve the Mansfield Board of Education Policy Updates as proposed. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Personnel Committee: Mrs. Lacombe reported the MAA contract is being finalized and the Instructional Assistants are in mediation. There is no need for an Executive Session.

EASTCONN Executive Committee: Mrs. Paulhus will report at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**STATUS UPDATE ON AUDIT:** Mr. Walikonis reported the audit is being conducted by CohnReznick and has not been completed.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION 2014-2015 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** Motion by Mrs. Lacombe, seconded by Ms. Everett, to approve the Mansfield Board of Education 2014-2015 Goals as proposed. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

- 2015-2016 Budget Calendar: Dr. Leclerc reviewed the schedule for budget review and adoption.
- Student Celebrations at Board Meetings: Dr. Leclerc reported on proposed reduction of student celebrations. Each elementary school will host one and the Middle School will have two celebrations at Board Meetings.
- Draft 2015 Board of Education Meetings: Dr. Leclerc presented a draft schedule of meetings to be held in 2015. Board will review and adopt on October 23, 2014.
- 2013-2014 CMT Science Results: Dr. Leclerc distributed the CMT Science results.
- Professional Improvement: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe, to approve the increase in salary, retroactive to the start of the school year as outlined in the current contract between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Education Association for Eileen Melody, Annie Perkins, Denise Proffer, and Laura Smith.
- School Opening Update: Dr. Leclerc reported the opening of school went well.
- School Security Grant: Dr. Leclerc reported the district has applied for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the School Security Grant.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Two new programs were highlighted in the 2014-2015 summary chart; MMS Chinese Language Club and Homework Club.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The administrators reported no significant change in class size or enrollment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mr. Rueckl abstaining.
- Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2014 Retreat. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Mansfield Instructional Assistants Chapter request to change the name *Instructional Assistants* to *Paraeducators*. After discussion, the Board referred the request to the Personnel Committee to review and make a recommendation to the Board.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: A report on substitute teachers and discussion on mechanisms to get input from staff were requested.

Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein to adjourn at 8:47pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk